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Technical and master sergeant promotion list announced

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPC) – The Air Force selected 7,031 of 18,038 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant and 12,051 of 36,095 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant. This represents an overall 38.98 percent selection rate for the 01E7 cycle and 33.39 percent selection rate for the 01E6 cycle. The master sergeant selection percentage stayed virtually tied with last year's percentage of 39.10, while this year's technical sergeant rate surged nearly six points beyond last year's already record showing of 27.64 percent.

The Air Force released the master and technical sergeant promotion lists the first duty hour Thursday (today for those units across the international date line). The

complete list of selectees becomes available on the Air Force Personnel Center's home page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> by close of business today.

"This year's promotion announcement kicks off a great summer season for more than 19,000 of the Air Force's finest NCOs," said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center. "Never in our history has there been a better opportunity for highly qualified individuals to earn that next stripe."

As evidenced by the record-setting technical sergeant promotion rate and the high selection percentage to master sergeant, advancement opportunity abounds for those willing to put forth the effort both on their jobs and while preparing for promotion exams, officials added.

"The increased promotion rates seen in the last few years are partly a result of the return to stable force structure and end-strength levels following years of drawdown," added center officials. "The primary reason for increased promotion rates is our transition to a higher percentage of 'Top Five' NCOs, previously at 48.5 percent of the enlisted force, now headed toward 56 percent over the next few years."

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices in mid-June, allowing them to see just how they stacked up against their counterparts. These score notices allow members to know how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test

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PME and formal training grads receive day off

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) – The commander of Air Education and Training Command announced an administrative absence policy for AETC members who complete professional military education and formal training courses.

In his announcement May 16, Gen. Hal Hornburg said commanders are strongly encouraged to grant graduates one day off following PME and formal training that lasts longer than 30 days.

"This well-deserved day off provides our graduates time to take care of personal matters placed on hold during their time away from home," the general said. "Our policy keeps faith with the outstanding service performed by AETC members. This ... day off

recognizes their accomplishments and sacrifices unselfishly made in support of our mission."

Graduates and supervisors must coordinate the scheduling of the day off to best support personal and mission needs, according to the policy. Members leaving the local area during the administrative absence must be on leave status.

Under current rules for Department of Defense civilians, commanders can encourage liberal leave, use of previously earned compensatory time or use of already approved time-off awards, according to the policy. People should refer to Air Force Instruction 36-1004, Managing the Civilian Recognition Program, for additional information.



Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

How to bridge the gap

ROTC cadets devise ways to cross the gap between two platforms with only a rope. Tyndall is host to over 700 cadets from around the country who participate in the five-week encampments. Drivers on base are asked to be mindful of the cadets when they are marching and doing their activities. A feature story on the encampment and the cadets is scheduled to run in next week's paper.

Roche sworn in as 20th Air Force secretary



Dr. James G. Roche

WASHINGTON(AFPN)—Dr. James G. Roche was sworn in as the 20th secretary of the Air Force June 1 during a ceremony at the Pentagon.

David O. Cooke, director of administration and management for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, administered the oath of office. Dr. Roche was nominated by the president on May 7 and confirmed by the Senate on May 24.

As secretary, Dr. Roche is responsible for the functioning and efficiency of the Air Force, the formulation of the

service’s policies and programs and the timely implementation of decisions and instructions of the president and the secretary of defense.

“I am honored to be confirmed as the secretary of the Air Force, and to join one of the most innovative, dedicated and respected teams the world has known—the United States Air Force,” Dr. Roche said. “I appreciate the confidence and trust the president, the secretary of defense and the Senate have in me to lead this proud aerospace team. I consider it an esteemed privilege to have this opportunity to serve with the Air Force’s outstanding men and women.

“Over the past decade, our nation has demanded increasingly more effort and sacrifice from the Air Force team—our active-duty airmen, civil servants, Guardsmen, Reservists and contractors — and that team has responded brilliantly,” Dr. Roche said. “The American people have the highest confidence in our military forces and are justifiably

proud of the Air Force’s numerous achievements and bright future.

“We must now respond to this century’s new and emerging national security environment by fostering even more constructive relationships among the services to more fully integrate for joint and combined operations,” he said.

Dr. Roche is a retired Navy captain who was a recipient of the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy for the Navy’s most-improved combat unit in the Pacific in 1974.

“(I look) forward to piloting the journey ahead for the Air Force,” he said. “My vision is an aerospace future just as remarkable as its admired past. My pledge is that I will serve the way Air Force men and women do every day throughout the world, with integrity, selflessness and in earnest pursuit of excellence.”

“We welcome Secretary Roche and his family to the Air Force team,” said Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff.

“The secretary has had a distinguished and successful military and civilian career,” General Ryan said. “He brings a unique and valuable combination of military experience, executive management expertise and proven leadership that will be an asset to our Air Force and our nation. I look forward to serving with him.”

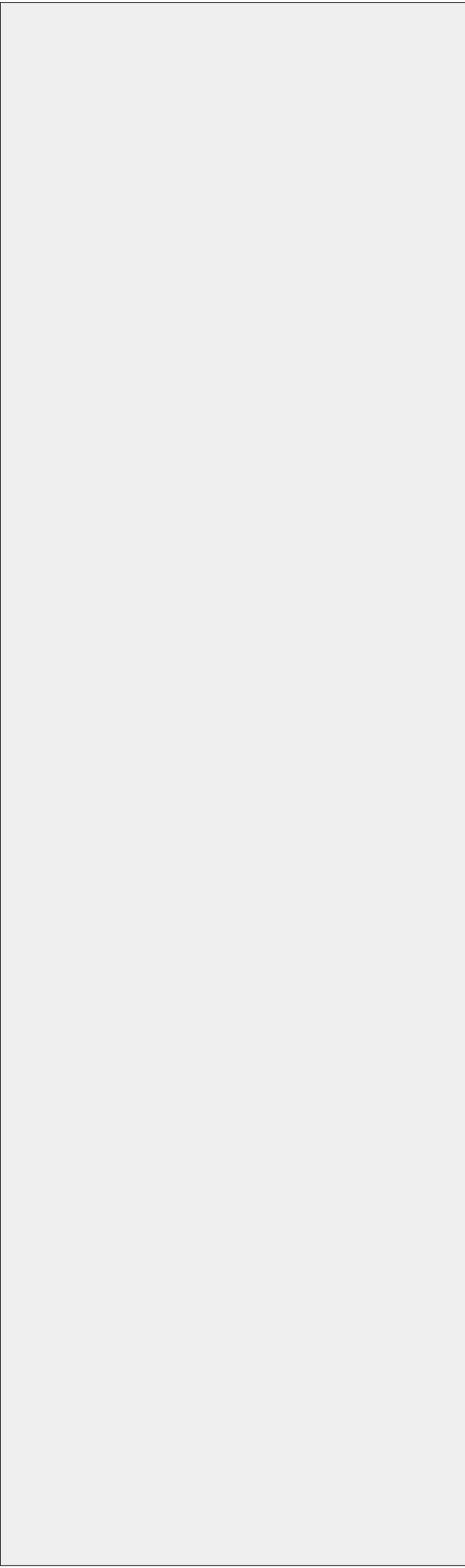
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Policies allow time off after deployments

Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command Headquarters

Air Education and Training Command policy allows members who have been on temporary duty for more than 42 days, six weeks or longer, be allowed seven days post-deployment stand-down time. For deployments lasting 12 weeks or longer, members are authorized 14 days stand-down time. During these periods, members can tend to personal and professional matters in the local area. Should the member elect to travel outside the local area, normal leave will be charged. Commanders should provide their people the opportunity to schedule post-deployment stand-down time as quickly as operationally feasible. Realizing mission requirements may not allow stand-down time in the near term, commanders should ensure those deserving individuals have their stand-down time honored within 90 days of their return to home station.

Members who supported the fight at home station should also receive time off. However, local commanders are in a better position to determine which individuals and/or units operated in a "deployed fashion" at home station and can grant stand-down

time of an appropriate duration.

This policy ensures AETC members who support contingencies receive time off to get caught up in their personal lives and return to duty reenergized and ready to take on new challenges. It also provides commanders the flexibility to determine and schedule post-deployment stand-down time.



Air Force to exceed 2001 recruiting goal

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS (AETCNS)

— The Air Force reached its first milestone in meeting this year's recruiting goal with the recent signing of its 34,600th enlistment contract.

With 22,027 new airmen sent to basic training since the beginning of the fiscal year, the Air Force has more than enough contracts with new recruits to enter basic training by Sept. 30 to meet its annual goal of 34,600.

"This is a great accomplishment for our country, the Air Force and our recruiters," said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, Air Force Recruiting Service commander. "We increased the number of our recruiters, utilized

enlistment bonuses, and continued an aggressive advertising and marketing campaign and basically worked very hard. However, we won't let up; we're definitely still hiring."

Even with nearly 35,000 sign-ups in hand, recruiters are still hard at work recruiting additional candidates in anticipation of possible cancellations and to begin filling more than 35,000 new jobs for next year. The Air Force also faces a tough challenge in recruiting health professionals, primarily nurses, dentists and pharmacists.

"This is an indicator of how hard our recruiters are working, but we still have a daunting challenge ahead of us," said General Deal. "But the success of meeting such a tough challenge is part of what makes recruiting duty so special."

Recruits cite the opportunity to further their education as the top reason for joining the Air Force, according to a recent survey. All new recruits are automatically enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force, the only accredited junior college among the armed services.

"When our great recruiters talk to young people today, they recognize that joining the Air Force equals enrolling in college — it's automatic on their enlistment, and new trainees earn between 15 and 72 college hours when they complete training, depending on their skill areas," General Deal said. "Added to that, they are gaining a skill, immediate responsibility and being part of the world's greatest aerospace team."

The Air Force is currently placing special emphasis on recruiting qualified high school graduates and college students interested in electronic and mechanical fields.

Air Force mental health clinics get new name

Tech. Sgt. Richard Searles
Office of the Surgeon General public affairs

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFPN) — Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton Jr., Air Force surgeon general, signed a memorandum May 22 changing the name of Air Force mental health clinics to life skills support centers.

The renaming takes effect immediately and is at the direction of the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Michael E. Ryan.

“Renaming mental health clinics is an important first step in helping to reduce the stigma associated with mental health services,” said Lt. Col. Wayne Talcott, the Air Force’s suicide prevention program manager at the Air Force Medical Operations Agency, Bolling AFB, D.C.

“Receiving ‘mental health’

services has been seen as career damaging by many airmen,” Colonel Talcott said. “This perception exists despite the fact that 97 percent of airmen who voluntarily seek help suffer no duty limitations.”

Many clinics offer various services to help people better cope with the stresses of daily life, Colonel Talcott said.

“However, some people feel as though their problems have to be very serious before seeking help,” he said

Stress-management and conflict-resolution classes are just two examples of the many services offered at some life skills support centers that could be beneficial to all.

“The name change hopefully will be the first of many innovations by life skills support centers to further reduce barriers to seeking help,” Colonel Talcott said.

System provides commanders near real-time info management

Rhonda Worden
Electronic Systems Center public affairs

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. (AFPN) — A new Integrated Broadcast Service system will provide joint military commanders with a consolidated near real-time information management and intelligence dissemination capability.

The IBS system will integrate into one interactive system the four legacy intelligence broadcast systems the Air Force, Army, National Reconnaissance Office and National Security Agency currently use.

“Because we have four independent systems there’s a lot of duplication, resulting in a large amount of satellite communications bandwidth being used,” said Maj. John Trainor,

IBS program manager. “Among the other advantages, the new integrated system will reduce the amount of bandwidth required.”

Currently, there are 12 different messaging formats being used. With the IBS system, one format will be developed to replace them.

With IBS, commanders will be able to prioritize, correlate and manage the intelligence data entering and exiting their

theater of operations.

At the IBS system’s core are the Information Management Elements. These are the systems that will tie IBS into one intelligence broadcast system.

These elements are hardware and software suites capable of receiving, processing and disseminating strategic, operational and tactical intelligence to the warfighters via multiple transmission

paths, Maj. Trainor said. The Information Management Elements will be developed for U.S. Central, Pacific, European and Joint Force Commands.

The first Information Management Element is scheduled for delivery to the U.S. Central Command in March 2004, making it the first initial operational capability, he said. The three remaining Informa-

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Category	'00	'01	Trend
On duty	1	0	-1
Off duty	10	4	-6
Traffic	5	2	-3
Sports	4	1	-3
Fatalities	1	0	-1
DUIs	14	9	-5

Commander's Corner



Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins
325th Fighter Wing
commander

Unfortunately, Team Tyndall said goodbye this week to a friend of our entire community. Shirley Airey, wife of retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Paul Airey, passed away after a long battle with numerous health problems. The Airey family, especially Paul and Shirley, have been pillars in our and the Air Force communities for more than half a century. There are no words to describe our admiration for this family, nor express our deepest sympathy for their loss. Team Tyndall members wanting to pay their respects can attend services at 10 a.m. today at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, 222 North Bonita Ave. Uniform for those attending the ceremony is service dress. On behalf of all of Team Tyndall, we send our best to Chief Airey and his family.

To all those people who made technical and master sergeant, congratulations. I know your hard work and dedication have paid off. I would also like to congratulate all the new college graduates. Taking the time to pursue an advanced education while still working full time is a great personal challenge, but well worth the effort. Best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Now that the ROTC encampment is in full swing, I'd like to remind Tyndall drivers to be careful out there. There was an incident last week that put many cadets in unnecessary danger. The training the cadets are getting here is strenuous enough without worrying about their well-being. It is our duty to ensure they can carry out their training in a safe environment. So when driving around on Tyndall for the next several weeks, if you see the cadets marching to and from



various locations, slow down, look around and above all, be patient. Those troops are the people who will one day be serving next to us.

Although our visiting cadets' safety is of utmost importance, the safety of all Team Tyndall members is critical. During the 101 Critical Days of Summer, be mindful of your activities. This time of year represents the greatest danger to our workforce.

People can become complacent when working in the yard or relaxing on the beach. Think about your actions and make sure you follow the necessary safety precautions for the task at hand. One false move or one moment of absentmindedness can result in an entire unit's readiness being compromised. Although Tyndall has not yet experienced an incident, the command did experience a ground mishap. Supervisors should be talking to subordinates and stressing the importance of safety. Make sure your troops know that they are part of a team and emphasize the important role they play in making that team run smoothly. Whenever someone misses work due to an injury, we all are affected. We live in a beautiful place where there are a lot of interesting things to do. So I encourage you to take advantage of those opportunities, but do them with safety in mind.

Have a great Air Force Week!

Action Line

May re-enlistments

Senior Airman Denise Asencio-Rodriguez	325 MDG
Master Sgt. Ronald A. Brown	HQ AFCEA
Staff Sgt. Eric L. Bush	325 LSS
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Senior Airman Gerald Devore II	325 OSS
Senior Airman Kurt D. Dorshimer	1 FS
Tech. Sgt. Kurt S. Drury	2 FS
Staff Sgt. Russell A. Earl II	325 MXS
Staff Sgt. Robert C. Genova	823 RHS Det 1
Senior Airman Warren L. Hagelstien	325 CS
Senior Airman Ashley S. P. Hammonds	325 MDG
Senior Master Sgt. Terrence P. Harrigan	325 MDOS
Senior Airman Alexander Holcomb, Jr.	1 FS
Staff Sgt. Eric W. Jackson	325 MXS
Staff Sgt. Jeffery R. Kaepf	1 FS
Senior Airman Scott M. Kless	325 CES
Master Sgt. Caesar G. Lagleva	325 CES
Staff Sgt. Shiela A. Leick	823 RHS Det 1
Senior Airman Valerie L. Moore	83 FWS
Senior Airman John J. Palmisano	325 CS
Staff Sgt. Samuel D. Patterson, Jr.	325 MXS
Staff Sgt. Michelle K. Phillips	325 CPTS
Tech. Sgt. Wyman A. Pledger	325 CES
Master Sgt. Carol A. Robertson	NCOA
Staff Sgt. Eric A. Sanders	2 FS
Tech. Sgt. Gary D. Sapp	325 MDSS
Senior Airman Sheryl L. Smith	325 MDOS
Chief Master Sgt. William L. Southall	1 FS
Staff Sgt. Jason N. Swats	83 FWS
Tech. Sgt. Mark J. Thrower	325 CES
Master Sgt. Alphonso L. Tyson	325 MDOS
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you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For **fraud, waste and abuse** calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning **energy abuse** should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins
325th Fighter Wing
commander

Tyndall's chapel schedule

Protestant

Communion Service: 9:30 a.m.
Chapel 1
General Protestant Service:
11 a.m. Chapel 2
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Kids' Club: 2:45-5:45 p.m.
Wednesday
Chapel 1: 283-2691
Chapel 2: 283-2925

Catholic

Daily Mass: noon Monday
through Friday, Chapel 2
Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday
Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday,
Chapel 2
Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday,
Chapel 2
Religious education: 10:50 a.m.
Sunday

Other faith groups: Call 283-2925

Commentary

Finding the “force” with situational awareness

Maj. Valerie Martindale
314th Medical Group

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. (AETCNS)—Situational awareness. It means the condition of being on top of it, ahead of the game and ready for anything.

To have “SA” means the “force” is with a person. It might look like having good luck, but it isn’t. It’s better than luck, because anyone can do it.

SA is the hallmark of skill and expertise, but it doesn’t have to be learned in the school of hard knocks. A lot of SA is learned, and accomplished, just by thinking about how things go right.

To have SA means to know the current conditions, know what can happen, have a plan for each alternative and execute the appropriate plan. Take a skilled driver, as an example. An adept motorist knows the condition of the road, car, route of travel and expected weather. That’s knowing the current conditions.

This driver also knows the car may run out of gas, a tire may go flat, there may be road construction on the planned route, there may be unskilled or impaired drivers and the weather may get bad. That’s knowing what can happen.

Next comes a plan for each alternative: full tank of gas, map,

properly worn seat belt, constant state of alertness for other drivers and the flexibility to take a break or stop for the night.

The final step is to choose and carry out the right plan at the right time. Knowing the current conditions often depends on knowing what has happened so far. NASA research has shown groups who spend time discussing and communicating what already happened have the highest SA, higher than groups who spend time discussing the future.

In addition to knowing the past, situational awareness requires thinking ahead. The more that is known about the activity and the conditions that can affect it, the better. As the Boy Scouts have always said, “Be prepared.”

Having a plan for each alternative begins with knowing the alternatives. Some risks are easy to spot, but others depend on paying attention and thinking. A blind curve or a child running out from behind a parked car are risks that can’t be predicted at the beginning of a trip. Instead, the expert driver remains alert.

The next step is to prepare to carry out the plans. Planning to get a spare tire is no substitute for having one. An important method of preparation is knowing what resources are available.

Last comes the ability to choose the right plan at the right time. Impairments

like fatigue, drugs or alcohol can make all the planning and preparation useless, as can poor judgment. Things that commonly affect judgment are perceived pressure to meet a timetable and the desire to impress someone else.

Economics can also influence judgment for the worse. The cost of a new set of tires can make the old ones seem better than they are.

Driving a car is a good illustration of SA, because driving a car is a high-risk activity at which many Americans believe themselves to be experts. But SA applies to other activities, too.

Take the case of the individual who decided to use his lawn mower as a wood chipper by inverting it over a trashcan and feeding branches into the blade. He lost most of a hand. And then there’s the woman who tried to heat an unopened can of soup on the stove. She was lucky that when the can exploded, it didn’t cause an injury or fire.

Every day the news is full of stories about people who fall off ladders, fall out of boats, or burn, poison, electrocute, shoot and even hang themselves unintentionally because of plain old bad luck. That’s also known as bad SA.

With a little extra effort, good luck is within everyone’s reach through the use of situational awareness. May the force be with you.

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tion Management Elements will be delivered in 2005 to the Pacific, European and Joint Force Commands.

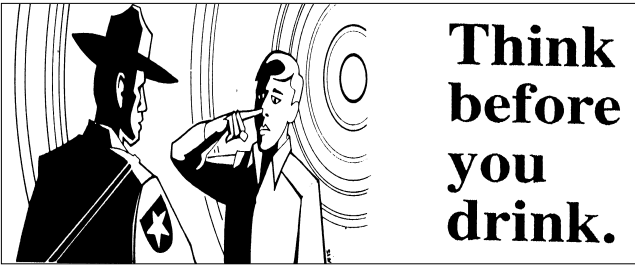
“This program goes to the heart of Electronic Systems Center commander Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne’s transformation day message,” said Col. Jeffrey Katz, director of the ESC intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance integration system program office.

General Kenne highlighted four elements May 4 in her transformation day speech: systems will be browser based, data will be standard,


standard Internet addresses will be used and interfaces will be standardized. IBS meets all four of the general’s criteria.

“We are excited to be able to stand up and say that we are ready to meet or exceed these standards for our customers,” General Katz said. “Additionally, we’re poised to deliver much more IBS capability and deliver it sooner than our joint customers anticipated.”

BTG, Inc., of Fairfax, Va., has been awarded the \$60 million, 80-month contract to design, develop, test and install the Integrated Broadcast Service.



Thinking about getting out? Think again!



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Spring into 101 Critical Days of Summer

Gen. Gregory Martin
U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) — “Spring into 101 Critical Days of Summer” is not just another safety campaign, but rather a time for us to think about and

prepare for the summer and schedule our activities accordingly.

By planning ahead of time, we can do a much better job of anticipating the many challenges we’ll face as we try to balance personal, family and Air Force priorities. And, most importantly, we will be able

to build in some flexibility, which will allow each of us to deal with the inevitable pop-up circumstances requiring changes to our original plan.

Although we face seasonal risks throughout the year, I have found the summer season to be the most dangerous. With

longer days and predominantly better weather, we have a tendency to overestimate the number of activities we can accomplish in any given day while underestimating the fatigue factor associated with those activities.

Additionally, the summer months produce rapidly changing and often violent weather patterns that can catch even the most prepared at an awkward and dangerous point.

The first step in all mishap-prevention plans is to be aware of and expect change. Next, match and assess the risks associated with a change.

Finally, we must adjust our attitudes and behaviors based on change and its associated risks. I offer the

following as a recipe for your personal mishap-prevention plan:

- Expect change.
- Assess the risk before you act.
- Trust your intuition.
- Take care of each other.
- Your goal is to survive.

I cannot stress enough how important our people are in making our mission a success. I do not subscribe to the view that mishaps are considered a normal part of our military business. They can be prevented and eliminated!

We must all step out and demonstrate our sincere concern for everyone’s safety and security to ensure a healthy environment during this time of year as we “Spring into 101 Critical Days of Summer.”

Rutherford student awarded scholarship



Chelsea Reyes

One of the military community’s premier benefits has become even more valuable to nearly 400 college and high school students around the world. The first Scholarships for Military Children winners have been announced.

The winner of a Scholarship for Military Children at Tyndall Air Force Base is Chelsea Reyes of Panama City, the daughter of retired Air Force Master Sgt. Jose and Dawn Reyes. The Rutherford High

School graduate is planning to attend Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala., in the fall.

The scholarship will be awarded during a special ceremony at the commissary starting at 9 a.m. Thursday. Anyone authorized to enter the base is welcome to join the ceremony where Miss Reyes will receive a certificate in honor of her selection as a Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholar.

The Scholarships for Military Children program was initiated last fall to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors or college-enrolled students at more than 280 commissaries worldwide. At least one \$1,500 award per commissary location was planned for the first year, but eager students turned in more than 5,000 applications and sponsor

Staff sergeants no more....

Tyndall boasts 154 promoted to technical sergeant



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Masters of their domain

Eighty-three Tyndall technical sergeants

receive promotion to master sergeant



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scores rank compared to those they’re directly competing against for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

The average selectee score for the master sergeant test cycle was 348.20 points based on the following:

- 134.20 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 71.72 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 65.63 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 27.91 Time in Grade
- 35.58 Time in Service
- 11.68 Decorations

The average selectee has 3.49 years time in grade and 16.71 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to master sergeant from August to July 2002.

The average selectee score for the technical sergeant test cycle was 331.99 points based on the following:

- 132.60 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 62.99 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 57.03 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 41.25 Time in Grade
- 29.45 Time in Service
- 7.29 Decorations

The average selectee has 5.83 years time in grade and 13.53 years in service. Those selected will also be promoted to technical sergeant from August to July 2002.

Rules of the road apply to everyone

Airman rejoins Air Force after missing people, “best jet”

Senior Airman Eduardo A. Soto
325th Security Forces Squadron

We have all heard about rules for operating motor vehicles on base, like wearing your seat belt or helmet, obeying traffic laws, getting your vehicles registered and so on. But did you know there are specific rules that apply to people operating bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller skates/ blades and off-road vehicles? Air Force Instruction 91-207, *The U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program*, and AFI 31-204, *Air Force Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision*, and their applicable supplements, govern road safety and equipment required for safe operation of these items. It is everyone’s responsibility to know the “rules of the road.” Here are a few tips for you and your family to follow to be legal and safe from personal injury.

Bicycles: All individuals will wear an approved bicycle helmet. When riding on major roads such as Beacon Beach Road or U.S. Highway 98, use the bicycle path parallel to the road where available. When riding a bicycle on roadways where there is no path available, ride with the flow of traffic and to the extreme right of the

roadway. Do not operate bicycles on sidewalks. People operating bicycles on flightline areas designated as “no hat areas” are not required to wear helmets. Wear highly visible or reflective clothing during hours of low visibility or darkness. When operating a bicycle at night, you must have a light on the front of the bike (holding a flashlight is not acceptable), a red light or reflector on the back of the bicycle, and reflectors in the front and back tire spokes. Lastly, bicycle operators are required to follow all the rules of the road that a motor vehicle operator is required to follow, such as stopping at all stop signs and using hand signals for turns and stops. Headphones will not be used while operating a bicycle on the installation. Not meeting any of these requirements, to include failing to obey traffic laws, can result in a traffic citation being issued in accordance with local, state and/or federal laws.

Roller skates/blades, skateboards and scooters: Users of roller skates/ blades, skateboards or scooters on the installation will wear an approved helmet. Protective clothing such as elbow pads, kneepads and wrist guards is also required. Again, users

must wear highly visible clothing during low visibility hours. Roller skates/blades, skateboards and scooters will not impede the flow of vehicle or pedestrian traffic and will not be operated in the roadways. Use of the bicycle paths adjacent to Beacon Beach Road and U.S. Highway 98 is authorized. Headphones will not be used when operating roller skates/ blades, skateboards or scooters.

Off-road vehicles: Operation of two-, three-, and four-wheel off-road type vehicles powered by a motor-cross type engine is prohibited on TAFB. The exception is operation in performance of official duties only.

Safety is very simple. The time it takes to prepare yourself, or your loved ones, with simple safety equipment and knowing the “rules of the road” is a lot less than the time it takes to heal from injuries that occur by not following the rules. The choices and consequences are ours to make. Make the right choice and keep everyone safe!

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the security forces operations section at 283-2558/9951/2527 or the Law enforcement desk at 283-2254.

Staff Sgt. J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing
public affairs

After spending three years in the Air Force, a Luke airman applied for Palace Chase and left active duty so he could be near his wife.

However, the pride of working on a jet fighter and the memories of the support he received from the Air Force family never left him.

Three years later, Senior Airman John Bengston is back on the flightline in the 308th Fighter Squadron here as a crew chief and his wife attends nearby Arizona State University.

Airman Bengston first joined the Air Force in 1993 after talking with his brother-in-law, an Army officer, on a family vacation. Airman Bengston, who had been working as a cook in different restaurants for many years, saw how happy his brother-in-law was one day while they

were at the beach. This sparked a conversation about joining the military.

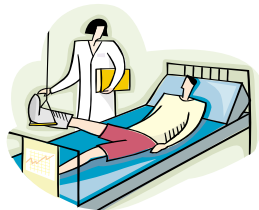
“He said if you’re going to join anything, join the Air Force,” Airman Bengston said. “I asked, ‘Why join the Air Force?’ He replied, ‘If you want the best of everything, join the Air Force.’ At that point, I just strolled into a recruiter’s office.”

Airman Bengston made it clear he wanted to work on aircraft and was assigned to the F-16. Eventually he ended up in Japan where he met his wife, who was on active duty. When the two of them returned to the United States, they were not yet married and therefore stationed at different bases. Even after they got married, a joint spouse assignment couldn’t be worked out because of their jobs.

“We tried to get joint

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spouse, but because of her being in the intelligence career field (we couldn't get assigned together)," Airman Bengston said. "However, I could get out and go over there. So I went Palace Chase and got out."

That was in May of 1996. Now, five years later, his wife is out of the Air Force and in school working toward a teaching degree.

During his years in the civilian sector, Airman Bengston said he missed working on the F-16.

"I liked being able to get up in the morning, put on the uniform, go to work and work on the best jet in the world, the F-16, he said. "A lot of people out there will say other jets are better. I'm sure if you catch me on a night working a 12 (hour shift) fixing it, I'll be saying another jet is better. But it's my personal favorite. I enjoy working on it."

However, the F-16 wasn't the only reason Airman Bengston came back. He said he also missed the people.

"When you walk into the Air Force, or when you walk into any branch of the service, you walk into a family that's already there," he said. "From the person at the gate when

we pulled up, everybody has been above and beyond what they had to be. They've been nice and considerate. When you're out there, people don't have to be like that. It's such a cutthroat world out there that people just don't have to be nice.

"(Military people) look out for you. Any other job is not going to look out for you."

Coming back into the Air Force wasn't an easy decision, Airman Bengston said. He knew it might mean he would be separated from his family from time to time.

"My wife is everything to me," he said. "I knew when I got back in, there was going to be at least one point in my life when I was going to have to leave my wife for at least a year to do a remote (assignment) in Korea."

But for Airman Bengston, the benefits outweigh the drawbacks.

"I could not find a job that was going to pay me enough to sustain the lifestyle I wanted," he said. "Now people will say, 'How can the Air Force possibly provide that for you?' Well, you have stability for one, (and) we get to travel for two. We get a month of paid vacation every year, which you're not going to get on the outside."

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donations amounted to more than \$500,000. "The response from students and sponsors was fantastic," said Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr., Defense Commissary Agency director. "Through the generosity of our trading partners, additional scholarships are available for other high-quality applicants. As a result, a total of 391 scholarships are being awarded for the fall of 2001."

"We were pleased with the response of our customers to Scholarships for Military Children," said James B. Ketcham, Tyndall Commissary director. "The community was really enthusiastic about the program, as is our scholarship sponsor, Kraft Foods Company."

The commissary benefit is always named as one of the top military benefits," said General Courter. "This scholarship program enhances an already valuable benefit by improving educational opportunities for military children. It also involves our commissaries more deeply with the military community they serve."

The scholarships were open to qualified sons and daughter of military members to include active duty, retirees, Guard and

Reserves. A 3.0 grade point average, community and leadership activities and an essay on "What Being a Military Dependent Means to Me" were also required.

The Fisher House Foundation is administering the Scholarships for the Military Children program. Fisher House is known for building and operating 26 comfort houses near military medical facilities.

Manufacturers and organizations that do business with the commissary system funded the scholarships with money ordinarily used for various other contests and promotions. The scholarship funds were accepted by Fisher House, which contracted with Scholarship Managers, a professional scholarship management company, to screen the student applications and choose recipients based on merit.

The commissary system has long supported promotions with a focus on education. "This program is meant to complement existing local or regional scholarship programs that are awarded through installation activities or organizations affiliated with the military community, or by vendors at local commissaries," said General Courter.

The Gulf Guide

Your link to what's going on in the Tyndall community

This Week

June 8 Career success forum

Family advocacy's Friday forum class, "Career Success: Dealing with Work," will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. today in the health and wellness center classroom. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

June 11 Customer service closure

The customer service section in the 325th Military Personnel Flight will be closed Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for installation of the new Common Access Card or Smart Card hardware. Tyndall personnel will begin receiving the CAC on June 15. The CAC will be issued to all active-duty, Guard and Reserve members on an attrition basis. Dependents and retirees will continue to receive the old-style laminated cards.

Hydrant pressure testing

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will be pressure testing fire hydrants and flushing water mains in family housing areas 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-July 13. Occupants may experience discolored water during this period and for several days afterwards. It is recommended that white clothing not be washed until the water is clear again. For more information, call the civil engineer customer service office, 283-4949.

'Moms, Pops & Tots'

The parent and child interaction play group, "Moms, Pops & Tots," for parents and their under-age-five children meets 9:30-11 a.m. every Monday at the youth center. For more information, call 286-5812.

June 12 Civil Air Patrol meeting

Civil Air Patrol meetings for boys and girls 12 years old and older will be held 6:00-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Building 852. The CAP offers local and national activities with a focus on educational and

professional development. For more information, call Capt. Laura Palm, 283-7594, or Master Sgt. Perry Newberry, 283-4189.

June 13 GCCC registration

On-campus registration for Gulf Coast Community College's summer B semester will be Wednesday-June 15. Fall registration dates at GCCC will be July 9-20 and Aug. 15-17. For more information, call the education center, 283-4332.

Parenthood-preparation course

The four-session parenthood-preparation course will continue 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, June 20 and 27 in the family advocacy conference center. Participants who complete the four classes will receive a dry erase memo board and pen. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

June 14 Palace Chase briefing

Palace Chase briefings for all those interested in the Palace Chase program will be 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in Room 222 of Building 662. For more information, call in-service recruiter Master Sgt. Bill Beasley, 283-8384.

Excelsior College briefing

A briefing on the Excelsior College Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts will be 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the education center. Up to 51 semester hours of military credits can be applied to this degree. For more information or to sign up for the briefing, call Ms. Wanda Kirkpatrick or Airman Amy Davis, 283-4285.

Yard Sales

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 3177-A Voodoo Drive, 2789-A Dart Ave., 3415-B Smith St., 2983B Starfighter Ave., 2774-B Delta Ave. and 3617-B Etchberger Court. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Notes

TRICARE information

Up-to-date TRICARE information is available on the TRICARE Web site at: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa>. For those beneficiaries whose questions cannot be answered on the Web site, new toll-free telephone numbers include TRICARE For Life, (888) 363-5433 and the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program, (877) 363-6337.

Yard of the month program

Tyndall's yard of the month program runs until Aug. 31. The selection of the "yard of the year" winners will be announced prior to Sept. 30. Judging for the contest will occur every third Thursday of the month and prizes will be awarded. Two or more inspection violations will disqualify residents from winning the contest. The housing areas included in the contest are: Shoal Point/Bay View (judged as one area); Felix Lake; Wood Manor I; Wood Manor II; Wood Manor III; and Red Fish Point. For more information, call Ms. Mary Ann Barbieri, 283-8140.

ROTC cadet encampments

Air Force ROTC cadets from detachments around the nation began arriving May 24 and will be on base until Aug. 10 for two field training encampments. Each encampment will have approximately 360 cadets. All base personnel are asked not to interfere with the cadets during their training and to use caution when passing their marching formations on the street. Anyone with questions about the encampment can call Capt. Patrick Stephens, 283-8056.

Retiree News

Diabetes and Agent Orange

Vietnam veterans with Type 2 diabetes are closer to receiving disability compensation from the Department of Veteran Affairs with the formal publication of the rules that will allow the VA to provide benefits to those veterans. These rules, published May 8 in the Federal Register, don't take effect for 60 days under federal law. However, VA offices are already accepting claims from eligible Vietnam veterans.

Veterans affected by the new rules will receive a priority for VA health care, and, depending upon the severity of their illnesses, disability compensation that ranges from \$101 to \$2,107 monthly.

The announcement follows a report in November by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine that found "limited/suggestive" evidence of a link between adult-onset, or Type 2, diabetes and Agent Orange and other herbicides used in Vietnam. The VA estimates that about 9 percent of the 2.3 million Vietnam veterans still alive have Type 2

School physical examinations

The pediatric clinic is scheduling school physical examinations for pediatric enrollees requiring exams for the start of the 2001 school year. The clinic encourages everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to make early-summer appointments to avoid the school rush during July and August. To make an appointment, call 283-2778.

Summer youth art program

The Visual Arts Center of Northwest Florida's summer youth art program will be June 18-July 27. Classes will be 9:30 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday at the visual arts center, 19 East 4th St., Panama City. The cost is \$45 per week for members and \$55 per week for nonmembers. For more information, call the visual arts center, 769-4451.

FSU office

The new Florida State University on-base office is open 1-3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 30 of the education center. Bob Shaw will be available 3-4 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 30 to talk with students about the bachelor's degree program in information studies offered at the FSU Panama City campus.

Navy ROTC scholarships

A Navy ROTC scholarship, the Historically Black College Scholarship, is available for qualified minority candidates interested in attending Florida A&M University or another of the Historically Black Colleges or Universities. For details on eligibility and application information, call Lt. Smith or Lt. Peters, (850) 599-3980.

Base Theater



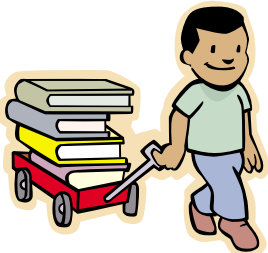
Today: "Spy Kids" (PG, action sequence, 87 min.)

Saturday: "Joe Dirt" (PG-13, crude, sex-related humor and language, 91 min.)

Sunday: "Spy Kids"

Thursday: "Town and Country" (R, sexuality and language, 106 min.)

All movies start at 7 p.m.



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with your
kids*

*A wealth of
knowledge can be
found inside the
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Take time to read,
listen and learn
with your children
now — they'll
thank you for it in
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- Entertainment center with TV, VCR and stereo. Black with glass doors, \$400. Call Roy, 286-8642.
- Five-piece sofa suite, blue with oak trim, plus oak and glass tables, \$500. Medium-oak stand for TV, VCR, storage, \$55. Call 871-2432.

AETC clubs to reward members with vacation trips

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — Two club members at each Air Education and Training Command base will be rewarded for their loyalty by receiving vacation prizes during a summer promotion announced by AETC Services.

The Member Rewards Program that runs June 1 through July 31 will provide an all-expense-paid Florida vacation to the grand prize winner and a week's stay at any Armed Forces Vacation Club resort for the runner-up, said services officials.

"AETC clubs are the right places to be this summer," said Col. Michael Pachuta, AETC director of services. "Air Education and Training Command appreciates those people who are club members and will provide two vacation packages to each AETC club to award to members."

The grand prize features a trip for two adults and up to two children to Orlando, Fla. The prize includes airfare, hotel accommodations, and admission to Universal Studios, Universal's Islands of Adventure, Wet 'n Wild Water Parks, Busch Gardens and Sea World, said Randy Shircel, chief of the AETC Services business branch.

The second prize is a certificate for one-week stay at a resort location of the winner's choice through the Armed Forces Vacation Club, Mr. Shircel said.

"The space-available voucher allows military members to stay in a selection of upscale resort condominiums," he said.

Clubs will pick their winners between July 31 and Aug. 2. Winners will then have a year to take their vacations, said John Franklin, AETC commercial sponsorship manager.

Club members have two ways to enter. The first is by making purchases at any club food establishment. When members spend more than \$2, they will receive a rewards-program game card. Each game card has six scratch-off areas. If members have two matching symbols, they will win a prize from their local club.

With three matching areas on the card, members become finalists for the two vacation prize drawings.

The second way to enter is for club members to draw a color sketch of the Air Force Club logo, found on their club bills, and to present the sketch to a cashier. They will receive one game card per day for each color logo sketch they bring in, said Mr. Shircel.

"This is an unprecedented time for AETC clubs," said Colonel Pachuta. "Club membership has always been the cornerstone of club operations. Clubs are traditionally as strong as their membership in terms of numbers and involvement, and AETC clubs lead the pack. We want to take this time to show our members how much we appreciate them."

People should visit their local club for more details about the Member Rewards Program and prize drawing dates and times.

"AETC clubs are the right places to be this summer."

—Col. Michael Pachuta, AETC director of services

Funshine NEWS

June 8, 2001

This page is produced by the 325th Services Marketing office, 283-4565.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Volleyball Clinic

June 18-22. Ages 10-12: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Ages 13-16: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.

Tennis Offerings

■ Group Tennis Lessons:

Group tennis lessons open to all ages through USA Tennis 1-2-3. June 28, 29 and July 5, 6, 12, 13. Call for ages groups and times.

■ Adult Team Tennis:

June 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7 & 14 at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$30. Friendly competition in a fun atmosphere. Teaches basic strokes & organized play.

Major League Soccer Camps

July 23-28. Cost: 7-18 yrs. \$45, 5-6 yrs. \$35. Every player needs to bring shin guards and a water bottle.

Basketball Camp

TYC gym basketball camp for ages 10-12 & 13-18. July 9-13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost \$10. Call for more information.

Teen Center

☎ 283-0295

Earn up to \$1000 in Educational Credits

Attention high school teens and parents. You can now earn dollar credits towards a future vocational, technical or college education. The youth employment skills (YES) program for high school students. YES allows high school students to "bank" \$4.00 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on base function. Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours over all 4 years of high school combined, for a potential maximum of \$1000 towards their future academic endeavors.

College is Possible

This 2 part program is for teens considering college, and their parents. Session one is June 22 at 6 p.m. in the CAC and is for parents only. Session 2 is July 11 at 6 p.m. for both parents and teens.

Officers' Club

☎ 283-4357

\$300 Club Card Drawing

Every Thursday at the club at 6 p.m.

Don't Forget! "Your Cash is Trash"

Every Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Pelican Pt. Golf Course

Junior Golf Clinic

Ages 7-16 yrs.

\$50 per session

Includes a set of Jr.

Clubs with Bag

For more information call

286-2565

Aero Club

Flight Training Center

*Stop Dreaming
and Start Flying*



Current members are eligible to win up to \$3,000.00 new members \$50 + flight time. (June 1 - Sept. 30)

Private Pilot Ground School: July 9

Commercial Instrument: July 10

Call 283-4404 for more info.

Fitness & Sports Center

Aerobics Canceled: June 25-30

The Racquetball courts and gym floor will be closed for annual resurfacing.

For more info call: 283-2543

Fun for the Whole Family

Heritage Day

Heritage
Park
July 3 • 4 p.m.

- Fireworks
- Entertainment
- Food
- Beverages

**Public Welcome
Free Admission**

Win FREE Orlando, FL Vacation!



AETC Club

Member Rewards

AETC Club Member (Officers' or Enlisted Club) make a minimum \$2 food purchase at the club to receive a scratch off game card.

■ Match 2 symbols for food prizes and discounts

■ Match 3 symbols for a chance to win a vacation

Stop by your club for details.

Sponsored in part by Orlando Flexicket (Universal Studios, Universal's Islands of Adventure, Busch Gardens, Wet 'n Wild Water Park and Sea World Orlando) and The Armed Forces Vacation Club. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

2001 Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program

Air Force Services is conducting the fifth annual club membership scholarship program. Current club members and family members (spouse, children, step children, and grandchildren) of Air Force officers', enlisted, consolidated, and collocated club members are eligible to apply for scholarships via this program. Three scholarships will be awarded. First prize is \$5,000, second is \$3,000, and third is \$2,000. These prizes are made possible through commercial sponsorship provided by First USA Bank, Wilmington DE. No Federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Applicants must submit an application and a single-page summary of their long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments. The summary may include civic, athletic, and academic awards and accomplishments. Applicants must also submit an essay of 500 words or less on one of the following topic: *Air Force Clubs - The Value and Rewards of Membership.*

Nominations must be on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins. The essay should be typed in 12-point, Times New Roman, or an equal font style. The 325th Services Squadron marketing office, Bldg. 1013, must receive base-level nominations by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 13. Mailing address is 325 SVS/SVK Stop 31, 113 Suwannee Avenue, Tyndall AFB FL 32403-5717. Nomination packets are available at the officers' club and Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. For more information, contact Peggy Geil at 283-4565.

Information, Tickets & Tours

☎ 283-2499

Marianna Caverns

June 23. Visit one of Florida's most interesting historical and natural sights. Cost per person is \$20 which includes a tour of the cave. Sign up deadline is June 14.

Enlisted Club

☎ 283-4146

Every Tuesday Evening

All you can eat. Sirloin Steak Buffet

Every Wednesday Evening

2-4-1 Steak Night & Salad Bar \$12.95

Every Thursday Evening

Southern Fried Chicken \$6.95

Every Saturday Evening

All you can eat buffet

Prime Rib and more: \$12.95

Pelican Pt. Golf Course

☎ 286-2565

Renovation Hours

The course will be closed on Mondays due to the greens renovation.

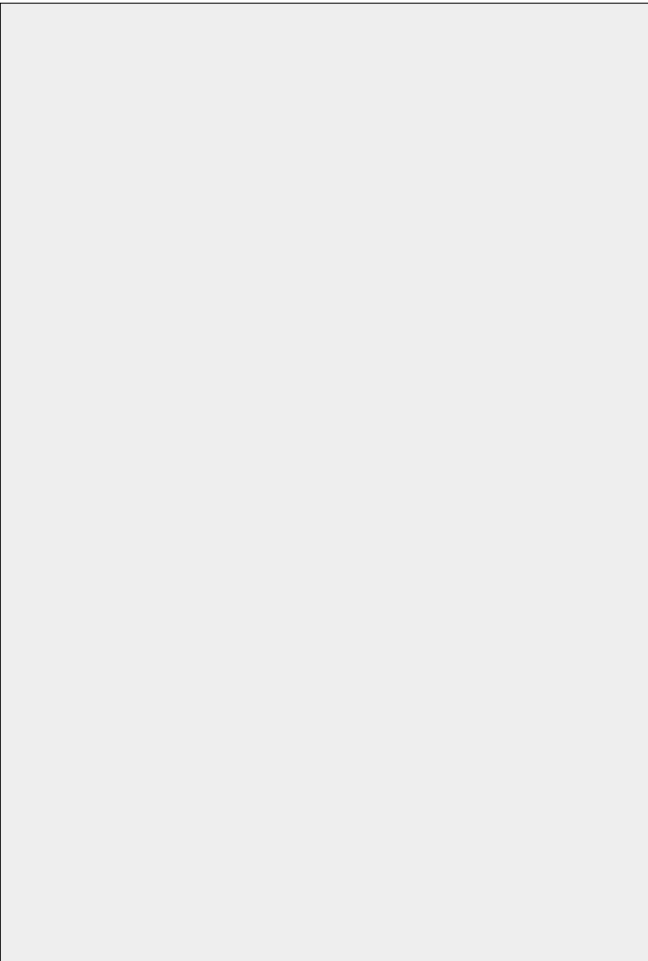
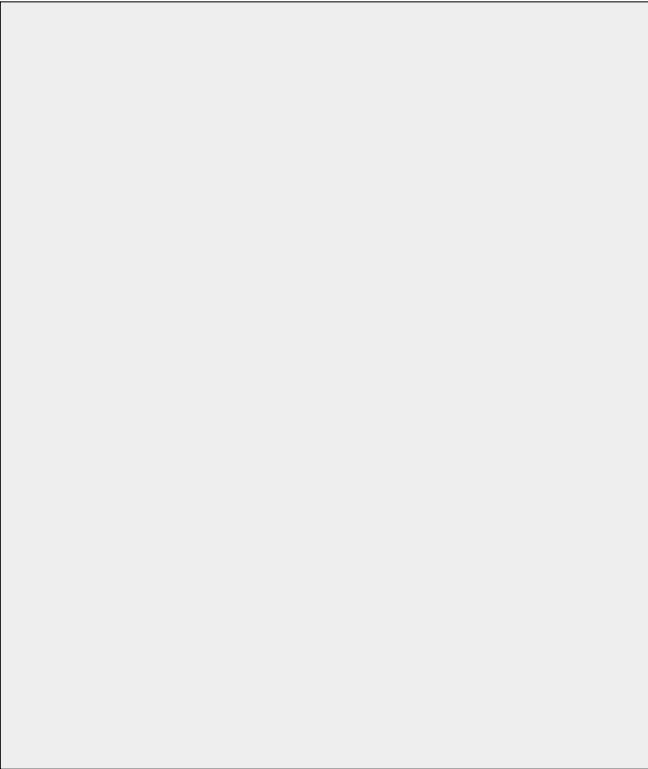
**The Swim Center will
be closed until
further notice.
Contact Bonita Bay
for details 283-3199**

Sports & Fitness

Air Education and Training Command holds muscle mania finals

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — Weightlifters and bodybuilders flexed their muscles May 19 to decide who would come out on top during the finals of the inaugural Air Education and Training Command Muscle Mania competition held at Arnold Hall Community Center here at Lackland Air Force Base..

The event was divided



into three competitions: powerlifting, bench press and bodybuilding.

According to organizers, AETC is the first to conduct such a fitness competition.

“We believe this is the first time any major command has done a command-wide bodybuilding, powerlifting and bench press competition,” said Darlene Price of AETC Services, who was program director for Muscle Mania.

Attendance at the competition was open to the public, and about 500 spectators watched the festivities, said Ms. Price. In addition to the “muscle” events, the program included health and wellness vendors, an Air Force recruiting exhibit and fitness and martial arts demonstrations.

Muscle Mania was a successful troop morale booster, an Air Force retention tool, and it served to reinforce fitness as a life-enhancing pursuit, said Les Coalson, Deputy Director of AETC Services.

Twenty-seven military winners from competitions held at AETC bases in

October, November and December competed in the May finals at Lackland, said Ms. Price.

Athletes listed from bases outside AETC were TDY to the command for training at the time of their qualifying competitions.

The powerlifting winners were determined by the highest combined weight for squat, bench press and dead lift. Dru Amos of Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., hoisted a total of 790 pounds to win the women’s division. Rodney Hudson from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., took first place in the men’s lightweight division with a 1,235-pound total, and Howard Gaddis of Maxwell won the men’s heavyweight title with a combined weight of 1,600 pounds.

In the bench press event,



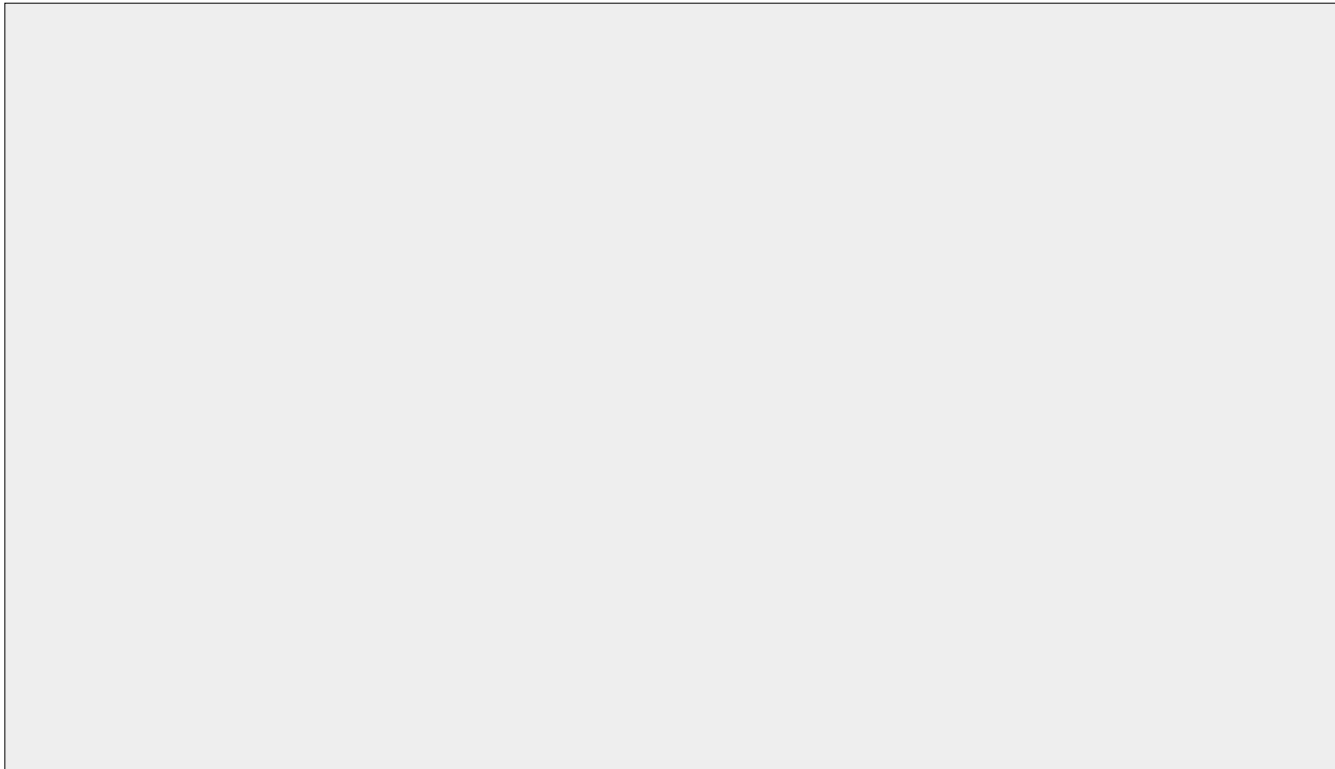
Howard Gaddis of Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., prepares for a lift en route to his first place finish in the men’s heavyweight powerlifting event.

Joelane Lindberg of Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, took top honors with a lift of 155 pounds. Quadron Smith from Maxwell captured the men’s lightweight prize with a lift of 355 pounds, and Howard Gaddis of Maxwell placed first in the men’s heavyweight division with a lift of 475 pounds.

The bodybuilding competition consisted of three posing events: symmetry, free and mandatory. Judges from the National Physique Committee picked the winners. Lori Smith from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, won the women’s division and David Henry of Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, won the men’s division.

Winners received sculptured statue trophies.

AETC Services officials have not yet determined if Muscle Mania will be a recurring event.



Softball Standings					
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Large squadron			Small squadron		
COMM1	3	0	MXS 1	3	0
MSS	3	0	82 ATRS	2	0
1FS	3	1	TEST	2	0
CES	3	1	AFCESA	1	0
SEADS1	3	1	SFS	2	1
OSS	2	1	CONS	1	1
MDG	2	1	MXS 2	1	1
TRS Blue	2	3	SVS	1	2
SEADS 2	1	2	RHS	1	2
95 FS	1	2	FWS 1	0	1
COMM 2	1	3	LSS	0	1
2 FS	0	3	TW	0	2
CONR	0	3	FWS2	0	3
TRS Red	0	3			

If you are interested in playing women’s softball, come to the fitness center, 1 p.m. on Monday. Must be 18 years of age prior to start of the season. Call Lou South, 283-2543 for more information.

Intramural golf standings	
Large squadron	
CES	51
MSS 1	49.5
TRS	46.5
CONR 1	44.5
COMM	39
SEADS	29
MDG	28.5
OSS	26.5
CONR 2	25
95FS	22
MSS2	15.5
CONR 3	7
Small squadron	
MXS	35.5
AFCESA	26
SVS	24.5
85TS	24
362TRS	22.5
LSS	17.5
83FWS	15
372TRS	3

Spotlight



Staff Sgt. Carl M. Womack

Squadron: 325th Communications Squadron

Job Title: Base Web administrator

Years in Air Force: 5 years.

Time at Tyndall: 4 years.

Hometown: Clark Air Force Base, Philippines

Why you joined the Air Force: To see the world and for the education benefits.

Greatest aspect of your job: Creating Web pages.

Short-term goals: To complete the redesigned Tyndall Web site.

Long-term goals: I would like to get my degree in history.

Favorite book: “The Good Earth”

Favorite movie: “True Lies”

Hobbies and activities: Computer, sports and Web design.